

MEMORANDUM

TO: Division of Shellfish Sanitation Staff

FROM: Cloyde W. Wiley, Director
Division of Shellfish Sanitation

THROUGH: Eric H. Bartsch, P.E., Director
Office of Water Programs

SUBJECT: Plants - Procedures - Soft Shell Clams from Maryland

DATE: August 24, 1990

The State of Maryland has instituted a program to insure that shellfish are properly cooled at the time of landing the product (see attachment). All containers of shellstock soft clams are tagged with a serially numbered State of Maryland shellfish Tag.

Shellstock soft clams shipped from Maryland that only have the dealer's tag, but do not have the tag labeled "State of Maryland Shellfish Tag", shall not be considered as certified product and shall be embargoed.

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June 20, 1989

Mr. Cloyde W. Wiley, Director
Division of Shellfish Sanitation
Virginia State Department of Health
109 Governor Street, Rm. 907
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Mr. Wiley:

This letter is to inform you that the State of Maryland has implemented additional requirements for soft shell clams harvested in our waters. Beginning on June 1, 1989 and continuing through September 4, 1989, all soft clams are required to be refrigerated on harvest boats and maintained under refrigeration during storage and distribution. Daily harvests must pass through state operated checking stations. At these stations, harvest tags are being inspected and product temperatures taken. If the clams are satisfactory, each container is issued a serially numbered State of Maryland Shellfish Tag (copy enclosed). In addition, a cumulative tagging system has been put into place which requires all Maryland certified shippers to affix their own shipping tag to each container, during each transaction. The state tag and all shippers tags must remain on each container during distribution. Shellstock lacking this identification should not be considered Maryland certified.

Traditionally, Maryland's soft clam harvest beds have been extremely large and encompassed the mainstem of the Chesapeake Bay. Effective June 1, 1989, the size of these beds has been reduced and new designations assigned. The new system utilized the old bed number along with a subdivision of that bed. A copy of the new bed designations is enclosed for your information.



TTY for The Deaf:

Baltimore 800 800 7000

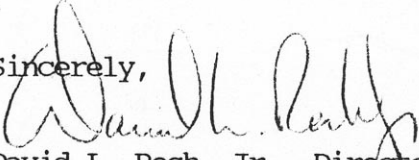
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To assist this Office in our data management, it is requested that all sample results and correspondence reference the serial number on the state tag. Should you have any questions regarding the content of this letter or enclosures, please call or write Betty Harden, Chief, Division of Food Control.

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Baltimore, Maryland 21215
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Thank you for your cooperation.

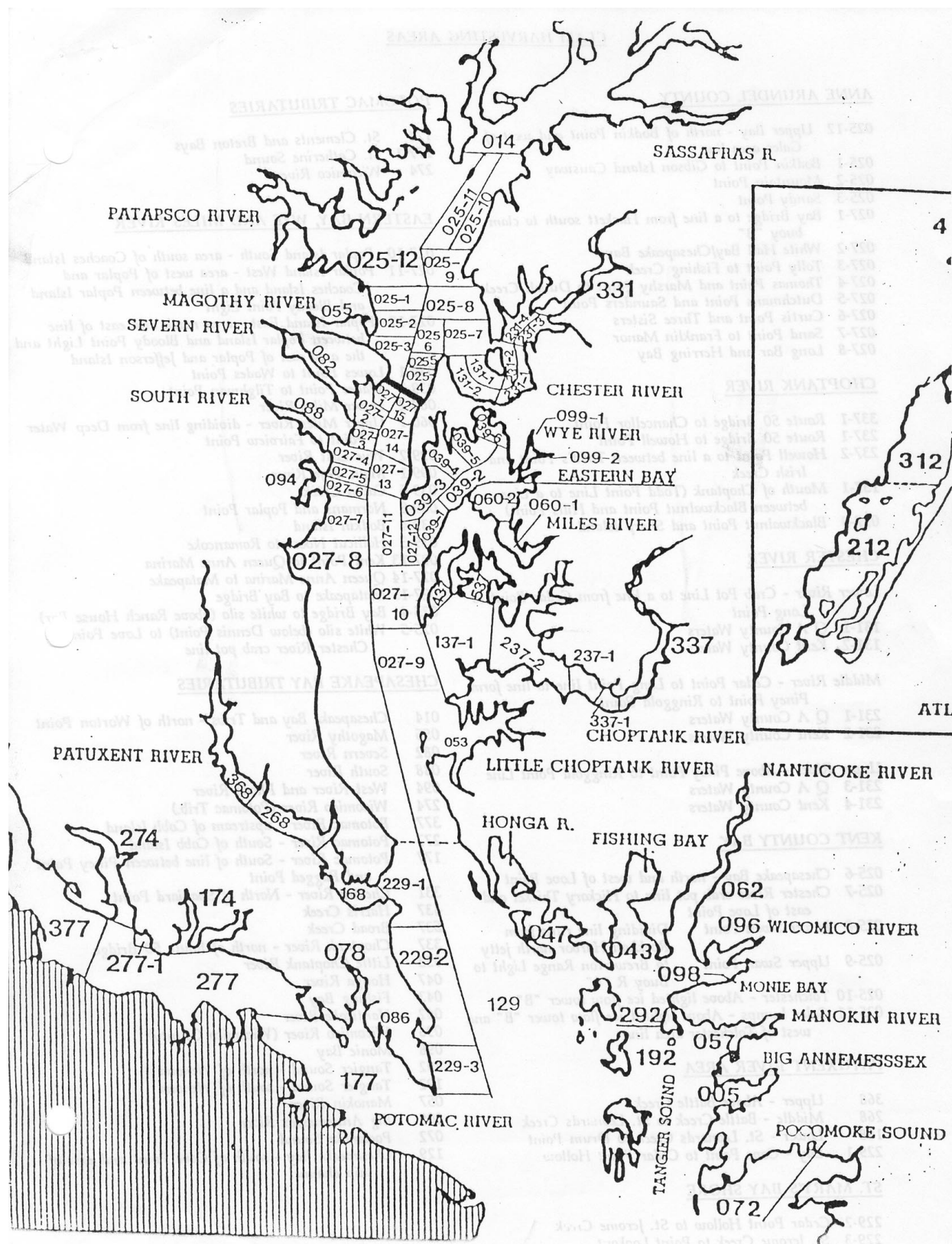
Sincerely,



David L. Resh, Jr., Director
Office of Food Protection
and Consumer Health Services

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cc: Betty Harden



CLAM HARVESTING AREAS

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

- 025-12 Upper Bay - north of Bodkin Point and west of Gales area line
- 025-1 Bodkin Point to Gibson Island Causeway
- 025-2 Mountain Point
- 025-3 Sandy Point
- 027-1 Bay Bridge to a line from Hackett south to clam buoy "B"
- 027-2 White Hall Bay/Chesapeake Bay
- 027-3 Tolly Point to Fishing Creek
- 027-4 Thomas Point and Marshy Point to Duvall Creek
- 027-5 Dutchmans Point and Saunders Point
- 027-6 Curtis Point and Three Sisters
- 027-7 Sand Point to Franklin Manor
- 027-8 Long Bar and Herring Bay

CHOPTANK RIVER

- 337-1 Route 50 Bridge to Chancellor Point
- 237-1 Route 50 Bridge to Howell Point
- 237-2 Howell Point to a line between Todd's Point and Irish Creek
- 137-1 Mouth of Choptank (Todd Point Line to a Line between Blackwalnut Point and Hills Point)
- 027-9 Blackwalnut Point and Sharp Island

CHESTER RIVER

Lower River - Crab Pot Line to a line from Cedar Point to Long Point

- 131-1 Q A County Waters
- 131-2 Kent County Waters

Middle River - Cedar Point to Long Point line to line from Piney Point to Ringgold Point

- 231-1 Q A County Waters
- 231-2 Kent County Waters

Upper River - Above Piney Point to Ringgold Point Line

- 231-3 Q A County Waters
- 231-4 Kent County Waters

KENT COUNTY BAY

- 025-6 Chesapeake Bay - north and west of Love Point
- 025-7 Chester River crab pot line to Hickory Thicket and east of Love Point
- 025-8 Lower Swan Point Dividing line runs from Rockhall Harbor north jetty to Brewerton Range Light to Buoy R "6"
- 025-9 Upper Swan Point
- 025-10 Tolchester - Above lighted ice flow tower "B"
- 025-11 Gales Lumps - Above lighted ice flow tower "B" and west of Tolchester area line

PATUXENT RIVER AREA

- 368 Upper - Above Battle Creek
- 268 Middle - Battle Creek to St. Leonards Creek
- 168 Lower - St. Leonards Creek to Drum Point
- 229-1 Bay - Cove Point to Cedar Point Hollow

ST. MARY'S BAY SHORE

- 229-2 Cedar Point Hollow to St. Jerome Creek
- 229-3 St. Jerome Creek to Point Lookout

POTOMAC TRIBUTARIES

- 174 St. Clements and Breton Bays
- 277-1 St. Catherine Sound
- 274 Wicomico River

EASTERN BAY, WYE AND MILES RIVER

- 027-10 Poplar Island South - area south of Coaches Island
- 027-11 Poplar Island West - area west of Poplar and Coaches Island and a line between Poplar Island and Bloody Point Light
- 027-12 Poplar Island East - area north and east of line between Poplar Island and Bloody Point Light and the area east of Poplar and Jefferson Island
- 039-1 Lowes Point to Wades Point
- 039-2 Wades Point to Tilghman Point
- 060-2 Lower Miles River
- 060-1 Upper Miles River - dividing line from Deep Water Point to Fairview Point
- 099-2 Wye East River
- 099-1 Main Wye River
- 039-6 Cabin Creek
- 039-5 Normans and Poplar Point
- 039-4 Bodkin Island
- 039-3 Hollicut Noose to Romancoke
- 027-13 Kent Point to Queen Anne Marina
- 027-14 Queen Anne Marina to Matapeake
- 027-15 Matapeake to Bay Bridge
- 025-4 Bay Bridge to white silo (above Ranch House Pier)
- 025-5 White silo (below Dennis Point) to Love Point Chester River crab pot line

CHESAPEAKE BAY TRIBUTARIES

- 014 Chesapeake Bay and Tribs - north of Worton Point
- 055 Magothy River
- 082 Severn River
- 088 South River
- 094 West River and Rhode River
- 274 Wicomico River (Potomac Trib.)
- 377 Potomac River - upstream of Cobb Island
- 277 Potomac River - South of Cobb Island
- 177 Potomac River - South of line between Piney Point and Ragged Point
- 331 Chester River - North of Spaniard Point
- 437 Harris Creek
- 537 Broad Creek
- 337 Choptank River - north of Route 50 Bridge
- 053 Little Choptank River
- 047 Honga River
- 043 Fishing Bay
- 062 Nanticoke River
- 096 Wicomico River (Wicomico County)
- 098 Montie Bay
- 292 Tangier Sound - north of Wenona
- 192 Tangier Sound - south of Wenona
- 057 Manokin River
- 005 Big Annemessex River
- 072 Pocomoke Sound
- 129 Chesapeake Bay - south of Cove Point and east of ship channel

MARYLAND SHELLFISH



One (1) bushel softshell clams harvested _____ Date _____

Bed No. _____ By _____

These clams were inspected at Maryland State Checking

Station No. _____ By _____

Time _____ am
pm

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